

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A pad for skin care comprising exfoliating elements (4, 24, 34-34', 44) wherein said the exfoliating elements are distributed between at least one first fibrous layer (2, 22, 32, 42) and a second, fibrous layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) of lower basis weight than the first fibrous layer, the second layer being sufficiently fine so as to conform to the underlying exfoliating elements thereby forming a plurality of protuberances at an outer surface of the second layer for effecting exfoliation, the second layer having sufficient basis weight to attenuate mechanical effects of the underlying exfoliating elements if the exfoliating elements were applied directly to a user's skin.
2. (Previously presented) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the exfoliating elements form a layer.
3. (Previously presented) The pad according to Claim 2, wherein the layer of exfoliating elements is evenly distributed.
4. (Previously presented) The pad according to Claim 2, wherein the layer of exfoliating elements is distributed in a continuous or broken pattern.
5. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the fibrous layers (2, 22, 32, 42, 6, 26, 36-36', 46) consist of fibers selected from among cellulose fibers, artificial fibers, or synthetic fibers, individually or in a mixture.

6. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 5, wherein the first layer (2, 22, 32, 42) consists of fibers selected from among the fibers of cotton, viscose, polyester, or polypropylene, individually or in a mixture.

7. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the basis weight of the first layer (2,22, 32,42) ranges from 20 to 350 g/m².

8. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the first layer (2, 22, 32, 42) is a sheet of fibers formed on a machine of the Rando Webber type.

9. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 5, wherein the second layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) consists of fibers selected from among the fibers of cotton, flax, ramie, viscose, polyester, or polypropylene, individually or in a mixture.

10. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the basis weight of the second layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) ranges from 5 to 50 g/m².

11. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer (6, 26, 36-36', 46) consists of one or more carded webs.

12. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 2, wherein the basis weight of the layer of exfoliating elements (4, 24, 34-34', 44) ranges from 2 to 50 g/m².

13. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the exfoliating elements (4, 24, 34-34', 44) are selected from among

-natural organic products, such as strawberry achenes, apricot kernels, organic bamboo silica, or gourd silica,

-mineral products, such as beads of silica,

-artificial products, such as spheres of cellulose and methylcellulose,

-or synthetic products, such as the polymers polyethylene, nylon, polypropylene, or EVA.

14. (Currently amended) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the exfoliating elements define a first layer of exfoliating elements, and further comprising a second layer of exfoliating elements (34) introduced distributed between the first layer (32) and a third fibrous layer (36).

15. (Previously presented) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the fibrous layers are bonded.

16. (Previously presented) The pad according to Claim 1, wherein the layers are bonded to each other.

17. (Previously presented) The pad according to Claim 16, wherein the fibers are bonded to each other by hydraulic bonding or mechanical bonding.

18. (Previously presented) The pad according to Claim 15, wherein such pad comprises at least thermofusible material and its fibers are at least in part thermally bonded.

19. (Previously presented) A process of manufacturing a pad according to claims 1-18, comprising the following stages: formation of a first layer of fibers, depositing of a layer of exfoliating elements on the layer, and depositing of a second layer of fibers on the layer of exfoliating elements.